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SPUTTERING TARGET AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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REPLY

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Sir:

This Reply is being filed responsive to the Office Action Dated August 15, 2002 (Paper No. 8).

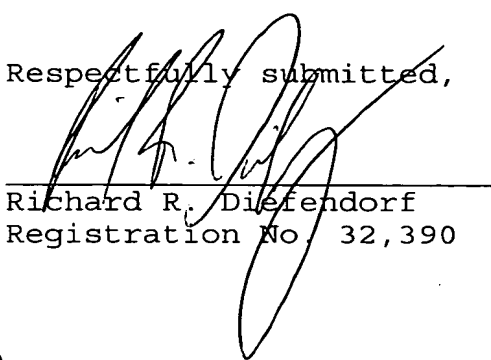
In response to the restriction requirement set forth on page 2 of the Office Action, invention "I", defined by claims 1-11, is elected, with traverse, for examination. Reconsideration of this requirement is requested, since the Examiner has set forth no example by which the product (cooling plate or sputtering target) as claimed can be made by a process materially different from the manufacturing methods specified by claims 12-25. The restriction requirement, therefore, has not been made in accordance with guidelines set forth in MPEP §806.05(f), and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is requested.

In response to the election requirements set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the species identified as species "I" and the sub-species identified as sub-species "IA" are elected for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are

readable on the elected species, while claims 1-2 are readable on the elected sub-species.

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